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In re application of: Ryan et al.

Application No.: 09/747,619 Group No.: 1641

Filed: December 22, 2000 Examiner: B. Nguyen

For: IMPROVED FLOW CYTOMETRY REAGENT AND SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

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TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of issue fee.

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is:

An amendment

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

Other than a small entity
Continued Prosecution Request Fee: \$740

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e)) **\$740.00**

Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d)) **\$0.00**

Total Fee(s) Due: **\$740.00**

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

Check is attached for the sum of \$740.00.

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) or otherwise to Account 50-1097.

INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

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